

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on February 4, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 329, 1/30/2009; SB 115,
1/30/2009

Executive Action: SB 115

HEARING ON HB 329

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:52 Rep. Dee Brown (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 329,
Donut area population included in resort community
population.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:22 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:03 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Informational Testimony:

00:08:06 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of
Commerce

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:28 Rep. Miller
00:08:46 Mr. Tuttle
00:09:23 Rep. Hoven
00:09:45 Rep. Brown
00:11:15 Rep. Hoven
00:11:27 Rep. Brown
00:11:52 Rep. Butcher
00:12:47 Rep. Brown
00:13:27 Chairman Lake
00:13:41 Mr. Tuttle
00:14:32 Chairman Lake
00:14:44 Mr. Tuttle

00:15:07 Rep. Noonan
00:16:19 Rep. Brown
00:16:57 Rep. Noonan
00:17:32 Rep. Brown
00:17:57 Rep. Grinde
00:18:31 Mr. Hansen
00:20:23 Rep. Jopek
00:21:38 Mr. Hansen
00:22:40 Rep. Jopek
00:22:55 Mr. Hansen
00:23:23 Chairman Lake
00:24:13 Mr. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:40 Rep. Brown

00:27:18 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:27:22 Reps. Sonju and Stahl left the room.

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:27 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 115, Simplify income calculations for certain property tax assistance programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:25 Randy Wilke, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:36:46 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association
00:38:41 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties
00:40:14 Don Hoffman, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:40:29 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, American Legion
00:40:59 Andy Heiman, AARP Montana
00:41:24 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:24 Rep. Miller
00:42:43 Sen. Kaufmann
00:43:27 Rep. Hoven
00:44:01 Mr. Wilke
00:44:18 Rep. Hoven
00:45:07 Sen Kaufmann
00:45:19 Mr. Wilke
00:45:50 Chairman Lake
00:46:03 Mr. Wilke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:23 Sen. Kaufmann
00:48:05 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

00:48:25 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:48:34 Rep. Butcher
00:48:57 Chairman Lake
00:49:33 Mr. Wilke
00:50:13 Rep. Cohenour called the question.
00:50:27 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Sonju, Stahl and Taylor voting by proxy.
00:50:54 Rep. Cohenour will carry the bill.
00:51:20 Chairman Lake announced executive action for Thursday on HB 113, HB 115, HB 232, HB 249, HB 261, HB 262, HB 299, HB 315, HB 341, and HJ 2.

ADJOURNMENT

00:52:51 Adjournment: 9:55 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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